

## **BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

Recommendation Number: 20210301-2b: Fund Citizenship Clinics

WHEREAS, The City of Austin has funded citizenship clinics over the last two years. These clinics have been successful in helping immigrants become US citizens, including by helping at least 200 people at citizenship clinics; and

WHEREAS, naturalization allows people to become more secure members of our community. They no longer face the risk of deportation. They can vote and participate in federal and local elections and can run for office. These are all assets to our growing population and we should provide support and education to individuals wishing to naturalize.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommends that the City of Austin continue funding naturalization clinics over the next two years.

Date of Approval: March 1, 2021

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 9-0 vote with Samuel Adair and Glenn Rosales absent

Attest:

Staff Liaison